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noun, often attributive \ˈhand\

Definition of HAND

- 1 **a** (1) : the terminal part of the vertebrate forelimb when modified (as in humans) as a grasping organ (2) : the forelimb segment (as the terminal section of a bird's wing) of a vertebrate higher than the fishes that corresponds to the hand irrespective of its form or functional specialization
b : a part serving the function of or resembling a hand: as (1) : the hind foot of an ape (2) : the chela of a crustacean
c : something resembling a hand: as (1) : an indicator or pointer on a dial <the *hands* of a clock> (2) : INDEX 5 (3) : a cluster of bananas developed from a single flower group (4) : a branched rootstock of ginger (5) : a bunch of large leaves (as of tobacco) tied together usually with another leaf
- 2 **a** : personal possession —usually used in plural <the documents fell into the *hands* of the enemy>
b : CONTROL, SUPERVISION —usually used in plural <left the matter in her *hands*>
- 3 **a** : SIDE, DIRECTION <men fighting on either *hand*>
b : one of two sides or aspects of an issue or argument <on the one *hand* we can appeal for peace, and on the other, declare war>
- 4 : a pledge especially of betrothal or bestowal in marriage
- 5 **a** : style of penmanship : HANDWRITING <wrote in a fancy *hand*>
b : SIGNATURE
- 6 **a** : SKILL, ABILITY <tried her *hand* at sailing>
b : an instrumental part <had a *hand* in the victory>

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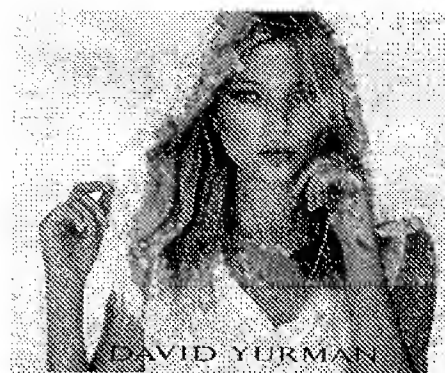
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- 7** : a unit of measure equal to 4 inches (10.2 centimeters) used especially for the height of horses
- 8** **a** : assistance or aid especially involving physical effort <lend a *hand*>
- b** : PARTICIPATION, INTEREST <had no *hand* in the decision>
- c** : a round of applause
- 9** **a** (1) : a player in a card game or board game (2) : the cards or pieces held by a player
- b** : a single round in a game
- c** : the force or solidity of one's position (as in negotiations) <trying to strengthen their *hand*>
- 10a** : a person who performs or executes a particular work <two portraits by the same *hand*>
- b** (1) : a person employed at manual labor or general tasks <a ranch *hand*> (2) : WORKER, EMPLOYEE <employed over a hundred *hands*>
- c** : a member of a ship's crew <all *hands* on deck>
- d** : a person skilled in a particular action or pursuit
- e** : a specialist or veteran in a usually designated activity or region <a China *hand*>
- 11a** : HANDIWORK, DOINGS
- b** : style of execution : WORKMANSHIP <the *hand* of a master>
- c** : the feel of or tactile reaction to something (as silk or leather)
- 12** : a punch made with a specified hand <knocked him out with a good right *hand*>
- **at hand**
- 1** : near in time or place : within reach <use whatever ingredients are *at hand*>
- 2** : currently receiving or deserving attention <the business *at hand*>
- **at the hands of** or **at the hand of**
- : by or through the action of
- **by hand**
- 1** : with the hands or a hand-worked implement (as a tool or pen) rather than with a machine
- 2** : from one individual directly to another <deliver the document *by hand*>
- **in hand**
- 1** : in one's possession or control <had matters well *in hand*> <with money *in hand*>
- 2** : in preparation
- 3** : under consideration
- **on all hands** or **on every hand**
- : EVERYWHERE
- **on hand**
- 1** : in present possession or readily available <kept supplies *on hand*>
- 2** : about to appear : PENDING
- 3** : in attendance : PRESENT



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— on one's hands

: in one's possession or care <too much time *on my hands*>

— out of hand

1 : without delay or deliberation; also : in a summary or peremptory manner <rejected the plan *out of hand*>

2 : done with : FINISHED

3 : out of control

4 : with the hands <fruit eaten *out of hand*>

— to hand

1 : into possession <the letter ... has come *to hand* — George Washington>

2 : within reach

☞ See hand defined for English-language learners »

Examples of HAND

These gloves will keep your *hands* warm.

She put her *hands* over her eyes.

He sat quietly with his *hands* folded in his lap.

Do you need a *hand*?

Origin of HAND

Middle English, from Old English; akin to Old High German *hant* hand

First Known Use: before 12th century

Related to HAND

Synonyms: angle, facet, aspect, phase, side

Antonyms: employer, gaffer [British]

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